



Sustainable Strategies: Life After CACG

A meeting of the CAR Network

Salt Lake City, Utah • January 29-30, 2014

Agenda

Wednesday, January 29

8:00 – 8:30 am

Parleys Foyer

Networking Breakfast

Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:30 – 8:45 am

Parleys I and II

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Speaker:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

8:45 – 9:45 am

Parleys I and II

CACG Programs in the Network States: Program Activities

Network members will engage in a facilitated discussion focused on the activities they are implementing as part of their CACG programs.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:45 – 10:05 am

Parleys I and II

State Sustainability Report: Alaska

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

Moderator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Rebekah Matrosova, director of outreach and early awareness, *Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education*

10:05 – 10:30 am

Parleys I and II

Sustainability Discussion: Alaska

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

Facilitator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 – 11:15 am

Parleys I and II

College Access Networks: From Plan to Action

Michigan has facilitated the development of a broad statewide network comprised of key stakeholders and representatives from local organizations focused on college access. Learn more about this network and how it has emphasized sustainability even as the state lost CACG funding due to maintenance-of-effort requirements.

Moderator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker: Ryan Fewins-Bliss, assistant director for network development, *Michigan College Access Network*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Parleys I and II

Facilitated Discussion – College Access Networks: From Plan to Action

Facilitator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Lunch

Continue discussions about the morning sessions with colleagues over lunch.

1:00 – 1:20 pm

Parleys I and II

State Sustainability Report: North Dakota

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Wally Erhardt, director, BND College Planning Center, *Bank of North Dakota*

1:20 – 1:45 pm

Parleys I and II

Sustainability Discussion: North Dakota

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

1:45 – 2:15 pm

Parleys I and II

Bridging Barriers: SREB's Readiness Courses

"Gateway" courses can be an impediment to college success for students unprepared for college-level learning. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) has worked with states to offer students math and English courses designed to help them develop the skills in reading, writing, and math that are necessary for college and career success.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Megan Root, senior project and policy associate, *Southern Regional Education Board*

2:15 – 3:00 pm
Parleys I and II

Facilitated Discussion – Bridging Barriers: SREB’s Readiness Courses

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 3:35 pm
Parleys I and II

State Sustainability Report: Utah

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Melissa Miller Kincart, assistant commissioner, outreach and access, *Utah System of Higher Education*

3:35 – 4:00 pm
Parleys I and II

Sustainability Discussion: Utah

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

6:00 pm
Hotel Lobby

Optional Group Dinner

Join your colleagues for an optional dinner at *Benihana* to continue discussions from the day’s sessions.

Thursday, January 30

8:00 – 8:30 am
Parleys Foyer

Networking Breakfast

Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:30 – 8:50 am
Parleys I and II

State Sustainability Report: Idaho

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

Moderator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Jessica Piper, CACG program director, *Idaho Board of Education*

8:50 – 9:15 am

Parleys I and II

Sustainability Discussion: Idaho

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

Facilitator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:15 – 9:45 am

Parleys I and II

Starting Strong: First Year Success

The Metropolitan State University of Denver has developed an intensive first year support program to help students overcome the initial barriers to degree completion and assist them in developing the skills necessary to navigate postsecondary education. This session will focus on the strategies employed by MSU Denver and how the effort has impacted students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Sandra Posey, director, learning communities and first year success, *Metropolitan State University of Denver*

9:45 – 10:30 am

Parleys I and II

Facilitated Discussion – Starting Strong: First Year Success

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 – 11:15 am

Parleys I and II

Coalition Building for Sustainability: Lessons from California

In the face of significant state fiscal challenges, the Campaign for College Opportunity built an organization that continues to advocate for improved college access and success for all students. The work that this organization does can be applied to efforts to sustain grant activities previously funded under the CACG program.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Kim Tran, policy director, *Campaign for College Opportunity*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Parleys I and II

Facilitated Discussion – Coalition Building for Sustainability: Lessons from California

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

12:00 pm

Adjournment and Optional Lunch

Following the meeting, all are invited to *Red Rock Brewery* for an informal lunch.